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campus

Briefs

Books to be donated to library

by **BILL COOKSEY**
Staff reporter

A donation of possibly 400 books from French-speaking Belgians will be given to the LSUS library sometime in the near future as part of a cultural exchange treaty.

The books are part of a new five-year treaty Governor-elect Edwin Edwards signed Jan. 23 in Brussels during his trip to Europe.

The books are written primarily in French and are for the benefit of LSUS students so they might better understand the European culture, Malcolm Parker, LSUS library director, said.

The exchange is "to further the French cultures of Louisiana and Belgium," said Noelle Leblanc, Edward's choice as Secretary of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Parker said that although little information has been given about the program, the library will be delighted to receive the books.

Caps and gowns

Orders for caps, gowns and invitations will be taken Monday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the bookstore.

ODK

Applications are available for Omicron Delta Kappa, a national honorary leadership society, through Feb. 29 in BH 115. A 3.0 GPA is needed to be a campus leader. New members for last semester are Jay Cole, Elizabeth Calhoun, Curtis Fox, Ron Angus, Neil Alexandar and Rosie Thomas.

DPMA

The Data Processing Management Association will have a meeting Wednesday at 1 p.m. in BE 104. Phil Blaufuss, technical director at Compeco Computer Center, will present the advantages and disadvantages of four personal computers: the IBM-PC, Macintosh, Compaq and IBM-PCjr.

Program

LSUS will participate in the national ACCESS program, designed to recruit and train students for Social Security Administration employment after graduation. Participants may be recruited from any major and must have a 2.5 GPA for at least 60 semester hours. All qualified and interested candidates may contact Dr. James Smith, Director of Placement at 797-5365. For more information, contact Irwin Clair, District Manager, SSA, at 226-5670.

Financial aid

John Duffy, coordinator of the Public Administration Institute, will visit LSUS Friday, Feb. 17 in BH 140 from 10 to 11 a.m. to discuss financial assistance for students entering the Master of Public Administration Program in the fall.

APICS

A Navy Officer Program interview is scheduled today for positions available in intelligence, ship-board management, business, communications, data processing and technical. Officer aptitude tests will be arranged at the interview. For further information and future interviews, check in the Placement Office, BH 140. All seniors graduating in May or August, 1984 should make appointments with the Placement Office to prepare credentials for spring interviews.

The Ark-La-Tex Chapter of the American Production and Inventory Control Society (APICS) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Quality Inn on Monkhouse Drive to hear a presentation on "MRP

Performance Measurement" by Mike Tincher, vice president of David W. Buker, Inc. For reservations, call Jerry Stinson, 747-3700.

Phi Mu

Phi Mu Fraternity will hold a reception Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Lafayette Room at the Chateau Motor Hotel. Members of our faculty, student body and Greek system have been invited to attend the installation of Epsilon Xi chapter of Phi Mu.

Interviews

Seidman & Seidman will interview accounting majors graduating in May and August, 1984 on Wednesday.

Kinney Shoe Corp. will interview business majors graduating in May and August, 1984 on Wednesday.

Undergraduates in any major may attend a group interview session providing information on the graduate program at LSU in Baton Rouge in Public Administration from 10 to 11 a.m., Friday.

For more information check the Placement Office, BH 140.

Grants

Students wanting to apply for a loan or Pell Grant for the 1984 spring semester should go to the Student Financial Aid Office now for information and applications. Deadlines for submitting applications are Feb. 24 for the Guaranteed Student Loan and March 8 for the Pell Grant.

Parking

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, the Campus Security asks that students who are late to school park in the tennis court parking lot.

Pageant

Carla Goben, the reigning Miss LSUS, will crown her successor at the 1984 Miss LSUS Scholarship Pageant Feb. 18 in the UC Theatre. The pageant, which will begin at 7 p.m., is an Official Miss America Preliminary Pageant. The winner will represent LSUS in the 1984 Miss Louisiana Pageant.

Book exchange

Students needing to pick up books or money from the SGA may do so Monday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Tuesday from 12:15 to 1 p.m., Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m., 12 to 1 p.m. and 2 to 3 p.m., Thursday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and Friday from 9 to 11 a.m., 12 to 1 p.m. and 2 to 3 p.m.

SGA senators

Applications for senator-at-large are now available in front of the SGA office, Room 223 or 232 in the UC.

Scholarship

The American Studies program in the College of Liberal Arts will award at least five scholarships, \$800 each, for students to attend the 15th Annual Spring Student Symposium on the American Presidency in Washington, D.C. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, March 22-25,

1984. The scholarships are open to all majors, and students also may submit an essay of no more than 2,500 words on this year's theme, "Campaign '84: The Contest for National Leadership." Prizes up to \$250 will be awarded. Applications and more information are available from Dr. William D. Pederson, Director of American Studies, BH 449, 797-5349.

PRSSA

Public Relations Club will sell carnations for \$1 in the UC Monday and Tuesday. The money will help send their representatives to the national convention in Washington, D. C. in March.

Trip

The Biology Club will tour Bossier Museum of Natural History, the State Exhibit Museum and Bickham Dixon Park Saturday at 1 p.m. The club will meet in the parking lot behind the library. The cost is \$1.75 per person. Contact Dr. Laurence Hardy at 797-5236 for reservations.

Speech

The Biology Club will present Dr. Ron M. Martin to speak on "The Chemistry of Milkweeds and Monarchs" Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the DeSoto Room.



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Calendar

Fri., Feb. 10	Sat., Feb. 11	Sun., Feb. 12	Mon., Feb. 13	Tues., Feb. 14	Wed., Feb. 15	Thurs., Feb. 16
Movie — "Trading Places" at 1 and 7:30 p.m.	Movie — "Snow White" and three cartoons at 1 p.m.	SGA suggestion box is now available in the UC	"A Taste of Africa Day" — 12 to 1 p.m. in UC Red River Room	Valentine's Day Bonfire and Hayride — 6 p.m. at C. Bickham Dixon Park	Seminar sponsored by the Committee on the Status of Women — 12 to 1 p.m. in UC	Spade, Doubles — 12:30 p.m. in UC

Moa Afrika promotes campus relations

by BARBARA HARRIS,
Staff reporter

An organization designed to promote communication among the black and white students on campus, to encourage academic achievement among the black students on campus and to promote community campus relations — that's MOA AFRIKA.

During past semesters MOA AFRIKA members, along with faculty adviser Kathleen Handy, were involved with Spring Fling and Fall Week activities. They coordinated "Taste of Africa Day," sponsored the Southern University Dance Troupe's performance in the UC Theater and started a scholar-

ship fund for black students wishing to enter LSUS.

According to President Bernice Franklin and member Minnie Jackson, the club is currently involved with this year's Afro-American Heritage Observance. The month of events and activities will have the theme "Black America and the Struggle

for Excellence in Education," which will also be the topic of a speech by Dr. Joseph B. Johnson, President of Grambling State University, Feb. 29 in the UC Theater. The observance will also include an exhibit at the LSUS Library of the works of primitive artist Clementine Hunter of Natchitoches, a bus trip to Grambling Feb. 8 to see NASA Astronaut Lt. Col. Guion S. Bluford and several films.

MOA AFRIKA plans to hold meetings on a weekly basis, but the time and place may vary according to the schedules of the members. The current officers are President Bernice Franklin, Treasurer Gracie Jordan, Secretary Lita Ruffen, Assistant Secretary Terrie Bedford and Public Relations Officer Orlisha Nash. Although new officers will be elected in March, this group is working hard at several projects.

Bogue talks for SGA

by CHERYL DUBOIS
Editorial assistant

"I think it is ludicrous to try to test any educational institution on a single member," Chancellor E. Grady Bogue said Monday in a speech to the SGA.

Bogue made this comment after being asked his opinion of the Gourman Report, which is a book by Jack Gourman rating college and universities (graduate and undergraduate programs) by grade point average.

Although Bogue said he is pleased LSUS was rated with a 3.8, he believes educational quality always has to be a multiple approach. "Environments are different," he said, adding, "It's still a little unfair."

In addition, Bogue discussed admissions requirements, which were recently changed at LSU in Baton Rouge. Although requirements there were changed, the rest of the schools in the system are left with a choice of adopting the same requirements or not.

"We are going to set up an adhoc faculty/administration committee (and maybe even students) to represent the university," Bogue said. The committee will then take a look at the future for this campus.

"We hope to strengthen high school students and make them ready for college," Bogue said.

"We've got good things to look forward to," Bogue said to finalize his speech, "but you keep pumping. Students are the most potent admissions policy we've got going for us."



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editorials

Math, science good for kids

What in the world are they doing in Baton Rouge? Are they crazy?

With malice aforethought, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education voted last Tuesday to raise graduation requirements for students entering the ninth grade next fall. Reality is now English I to IV, Algebra I and II, geometry, biology, chemistry and another science. Still, all is not lost. Many groups across the state—with the best interests of the students at heart—will continue to fight these changes. And if that doesn't work, surely sympathetic teachers somewhere will go easy on their students.

Unfortunately, some readers may be agreeing with this drivell.

Why can't the official attitude equal that of BESE member John Bertrand of Crowley who said, "I think students are going to do exactly what we expect of them. If we have high expectations for them, they will live up to them."

On the other hand, if teachers don't expect much, they are usually satisfied, because that's just what they get.

The worst thing about the issue is many students are happy to go along with adults in predicting more drop-outs and failed classes. Don't they realize what an insult that is?

Then again, for students who expect to finish school, work, marry, raise a family, retire and die without venturing far from Shreveport, a better education may not seem that important.

But, believe it or not, there's a big, exciting world out there, and the competition is tough and getting tougher. No longer can Americans sit back and expect the world to come to them; as the world economy and defense needs become more interdependent, America will have to meet the world on a middle ground. And they will be expected to be ready.

While BESE has at long last taken a step towards bringing Louisiana into the 20th century, other countries are preparing students for the 21st century when today's generation will rule the world.

Those who argue against a stricter curriculum would do well to imagine the present generation of American students facing students from other nations in 20 years' time to determine world affairs ... not a comforting thought after a recent encounter with a local high-school student working in a department store.

Admittedly, the girl was probably not typical. But her contribution upon overhearing our conversation about a recent European vacation represented at least a small percentage of today's high-school students.

"England? I've heard of that!"

And she said it so confidently ... It bears thinking about, if you can stand it.

Letter policy

The Almagest welcomes letters to the editor. Letters should be no longer than 300 words in length and should be typewritten and double-spaced.

The Almagest reserves the right to edit for length, obscenities and libelous material.

Deadline for submitting letters is 12:00 p.m. on Mondays.



by WELLBORN JACK 3
Opinion writer

Changes will preserve standards

BRAVO! Louisiana's Board of Elementary and Secondary Education steps into 1984 by implementing stricter course requirements for the graduating 1988 high-school senior.

Under the new BESE plan, any Louisianian wishing to graduate in 1988 from a state high school must master the skills needed to earn passing grades in four English, three math and three science classes.

Sounds great, doesn't it. The best is yet to come.

Since the dawn of time, any person possessing a high-school diploma issued in Louisiana and meeting tuition requirements

could attend LSU-BR.

But no more. Thank goodness.

Where the BESE plan stops, the LSU Board of Supervisors' academic admission requirements plan for LSU-BR takes over.

To attend LSU-BR in 1988, the incoming student must complete high-school courses encompassing four units of English, three units each of math, science and social science, two units of foreign language and half a unit of computer science.

That's more like it.

These past-due changes in requirements for high-school graduation and college entrance

came to pass because a significant number of freshmen from Louisiana high schools continually flunked freshman level English, math and science courses at LSU-BR.

As a result, the flunkies are remanded to remedial-level classes, learning in one or two semesters what they should have learned in four years of high school.

In an effort to preserve the high academic standards of our university and to save money presently spent on remedial instruction — it would be in the best interest of LSUS to adopt the admission requirements of LSU-BR.



by HOWARD FLOWERS
Editor

New requirements: flash in the pan

College admission requirements for the LSU System have been upped thanks to the wisdom of the LSU Board of Supervisors.

A new concern for sound education is at last hallowing the halls of erstwhile academic depression.

Or so it seems.

If the plan is accepted, incoming 18-year-old freshmen, despite changes in their high-school graduation requirements, will still be inadequately prepared for college.

Tom Clausen, incoming superintendent of state education, working in-

dependently of the LSU Board, has drawn up a proposal for more demanding high-school graduation requirements. If approved, his plan will take effect next year.

Clausen's proposal mandates no foreign language requirement until 1990; the maximum required then will be one unit.

LSU demands two units of foreign language by 1988.

Further, Clausen's proposal makes no mention of political science, humanities, geography, history, psychology or physical education — all standard freshmen fare.

But this argument over "in-

cidental" is academic in the purest sense. A graduating high-school senior who simply has a sheepskin clutched in his hairy palm and manages to keep from swinging from the rafters long enough to complete the ACT exam can still enter the LSU system, no matter what.

Dalton Woods, a member of the LSU Board who helped draw up the plan, explained the situation succinctly in the Jan. 24 issue of the Journal.

Woods said admission to state universities is now based on a diploma (what?) and that "Theoretically, every high-school student could just walk in and get admitted."

letters

Professor defends remark

Editor:

Editor Howard Flowers' condemned statement about Jesse Jackson—"And what's the clincher? He's black"—was part of Flowers' argument concerning Hafez Assad's purposes in releasing Lt. Robert Goodman: For a black presidential candidate to achieve what President Reagan could not, would embarrass the American president, hence suit Assad's purposes. A mind that construes Flowers' statement as a racist slur on Jackson needs training in elementary reading. Perhaps understanding would be clearer if not dominated by a preconception that reads the racial division of black vs. white into most any context, relevant or not.

Flowers' critic's suggestion that only racism could inspire criticism of Jesse Jackson implies that Jackson has no important disqualifications. On this view, when black mayors of major American cities criticize Jackson's friendship with the terrorist killers of the PLO, they are dupes of racism.

Domestically, one of Jackson's disqualifications is that he

proposes extensions of forced labor on Americans. As an example relevant to blacks and whites, consider one of the millions of ill-advised and short-lived sexual relationships so characteristic of the present day. If there is a wedding at all, in a year or two the "marriage" is over, leaving a woman and child in need. You have not been a party to the couple's goings-on, and when the lady asks you for a share of your salary or property for her support, you decide not to help. (Perhaps you have already given as much as you can afford to other needy or deserving people.) When the government takes your income from you anyway, you are subject to some hours of forced labor.

The purpose of forcing you to help such women and children is to ameliorate their need and misery, but the consequence of material support being at hand is that couples have less motivation toward responsible sex. As Aid for Families with Dependent Children grew, the percentage of black children born out of wedlock into the predicament of one-parent families grew from 22 percent in 1961 to 55 percent today. In Jackson's home base, Chicago, the rate of black

illegitimacy is 67 percent. Thus, coercion of individuals to make them help others has here multiplied need and misery many times beyond the results of voluntary interaction or freedom.

Programs that depend on such coercion are the main recommendation of politicians, who normally show no confidence whatever in liberty—that individuals engaging in voluntary cooperation and free exchanges can constitute a healthy, prosperous and friendly culture. About the only time politicians appeal to freedom is while rationalizing conscription.

Sincerely,
John Claiborne

Greeks should be avoided

Dear Editors,

The two stories you are about to read are true; the names have not been used to protect the ignorant.

I arrived at 3:15 p.m. Sunday to take group pictures for the yearbook of a Greek organization. While taking group pictures, I was fortunate enough to capture, on film, one of the little sisters being carried out of the house by her arms and legs.

"You can't use that. I can't believe you took that," she said. I replied, "That's my job, mam—I'm a photographer."

Having grimaced at me while I took the group picture, she stands out like Boy George at a weightlifting competition.

She even told my editor to have the negative destroyed; it's obvious that she was either really mad or just being obnoxious in

ROTC

Four commissioned, scholarships available

• Four ROTC cadets were commissioned Dec. 16 in the University Center Theater during a ceremony attended by military dignitaries and presided over by Chancellor E. Grady Bogue.

Those commissioned were Tony E. Hobson, James R. Knotts Jr., Thomas E. Robertson and Gregory D. Ruge. All may seek active duty following their graduation.

Guest speaker for the occasion was retired Maj. Gen. George E. McGovern Jr., USAR, commander of the local National Guard. His

military career spans 33 years, and his awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal and World War II Victory Medal. Lt. Col. James W. White, chaplain of Fort Polk's 5th Infantry Division, brought the invocation and benediction.

Thirteen cadets expect to be commissioned in May. Many enter the ROTC program intending to remain in the reserve corps after graduation. Once commissioned, however, the tendency is to "go active," Maj. Benjamin C. Hauser, chairman of the Military Science Department, said.

• Two-and three-year ROTC scholarships, effective next fall, are available to students who will be sophomores or juniors then.

The two-year scholarship pays for tuition and books and provides \$100 per month for up to 20 months. The three-year scholarship provides identical benefits for up to 30 months.

Eligibility requirements include participating in ROTC, passing a physical examination and maintaining

a B average, although students with grade-point averages between 2.5 and 2.9 have qualified in the past.

These scholarships will transfer if the particular university has ROTC and will otherwise accept the student.

The application deadline for two-year scholarships is March 15; the deadline for three-year scholarships is April 30. Those interested should contact the Military Science Department.

order to get attention—I chose the latter, therefore the picture is going in the yearbook, and we even made a few prints to pass around for laughs.

When I showed up later that week to take pictures of another Greek group, one of the members said, "This guy's going to take our picture—he doesn't even have a tripod."

"What a jerk," I thought.

Someone said, "Why don't you count to three then take our picture." I did—three seconds made no difference though; they

still looked like the same jerks I had seen three seconds earlier.

I generally try to be a tolerant person but with Greeks, who see themselves as better than everyone else, that's not possible.

Whether they are arrogant, ignorant or drunk, they can generally be classified as non-persons; any contact with them should, in all circumstances, be avoided.

Destin Colder

Classifieds

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Gory grapplers

features

Pro wrestling: devolution is too much with us

by LINDA LAFITTE
Staff reporter

Glitter, glamour, blood, sweat and screams. Athletes in colorful, glittering costumes bragging about how they will devastate their opponents. Spectators' aged two to 100 screaming, chanting, shaking their fists. Police security around the ring and the entire arena.



This is the scene witnessed and loved by near-sellout crowds at local professional wrestling events.

Wrestling fans are among the most dedicated of any sport. Almost the entire crowd participates in the action with screams, chants and fist-shaking threats. They often try (usually without results) to alert referees to cheating and rule-breaking.

The athletes know who and what the people want and gear their moves toward pleasing or aggravating the crowd. One "hated" tag team, the Midnight Express, with their manager "Mama's boy" Jim Cornett, make a complete circle around the ring before entering to insult fans.

Wrestling superstars are welcomed much like rock stars. Locally, "Magnum" T. A. (Terry Allen), Terry Taylor and visitors such as the Von Erichs of Dallas get screams from female fans who line the path to kiss or get autographs from their heroes. And Junkyard Dog, one of the area's most popular fighters, brings the crowd to its feet with the music of "Another One Bites the Dust," which most of his opponents do.

There are aspects of the sport that are real. Injuries do occur and wrestlers do bear battle scars. One look at a color

magazine close-up reveals bruises, scars and rope burns. And, yes, some of the holds do hurt — temporarily. But the athletes (many, such as "Hacksaw" Jim Duggan, are ex-football stars or excelled in various other sports) go to wrestling schools to learn rules, moves and holds.

Because Shreveport is one of the major cities in the Mid-South Wrestling Association, there is some local professional action every week. Matches are held twice monthly at Municipal Auditorium, and the local television program is taped twice monthly at Irish McNeel's Sports for Boys Gym.

Professional wrestling is not for those seeking a quiet evening of leisure. But for those who enjoy an occasional rowdy good time, it's a great way to let off frustrations. Be prepared: these matches do get loud (you may be hoarse the next day), and the fans do take their heroes seriously.

Valentine Notes

Lorraine's Son,
Let's make a video together.

Twinkie,
My hat's off to you — be my valentine.
Mister Ed

My precia baby,
Forever partners in life's small adventures and big dreams.
I love you, Susan

Len,
Happy Valentine's Day, sweetheart — I love you.
Barbie

Lope Dad,
Every girl's crazy 'bout a Disco Man.

Debbie, Julie and Beth
I love my Zeta Little Sisters.
Happy Valentine's Day.
Love, Tracey

Banana Nose,
I'm split over you. Be mine.
Mister Ed

Leslie (L.A.O.)
Our times together are my most memorable. I'll love you always! Happy Valentine's Day, Mike

Goat,
What's the way to a man's heart? Maybe Dial-a-Prayer will help.
Mister Ed

Beth,
Still this pulsing night, a plague I call a heartbeat, just be still with me. Cat

Mary,
Hooray! No more peanut butter sandwiches in the back of your closet! Love ya, M.E.

Honeybun,
If all life's troubles were hung on a line, You'd take yours, I'd take mine.

Mike,
Happy Valentine's Day! I love you forever! Karen

Half Pint,
Let me fill you up for Valentine's.
Mister Ed

The Gentlemen of Kappa Alpha Order,
Have a Happy Valentine's Day. We love you.
Love, The Rose Court

Little Bit,
Be a whole lot — be mine.
Mister Ed

Earnest L. Fluellen,
Sorry for the problems, but our love is strong and meaningful enough to survive.

Jeff Loper,
I'm at LSUS now and I still care!

Tut,
Thanks for always being there. Happy Valentine's Day.
Love, Cheryl

The Washington Sisters,
Love is four females living together. I love you all!!!
Happy Valentine's Day!

Popeye,
I'll bug out if you'll be mine.
Mister Ed

Boom Boom,
Explain the metric system and I'm yours.
Mister Ed

The "Z",
Diamonds are a girl's best friend, but be mine anyway.
Mr. Ed

SuSu,
You're a GREAT Big Sis.
Happy Valentine's Day.
Love, Ginger

Penny — (Mini Bone),
Let's celebrate March 3 as planned before. I luv you.
Happy Sweetheart's Day!

Gus,
Let's make our love last forever. Knowing that I have you makes every day brighter.

Boo Boo,
Remember that purple is my favorite color. It's gonna be hot tonight.
Mister Ed

Hayride to be held

By SHARON RAMBIN
Assistant features editor

Almost everyone has had something to say about "love." Robert Browning said, "Take away love and our earth is a tomb." His wife, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, made a more popular statement about love, "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways."

Then there are those who are just not as profound as the Brownings. Douglas Jerrold once said, "Love's like the measles, all the worse when it comes late." Frankenstein was brief in his description of love, but got the point across to his new bride by saying, "Friend...GO."

Anyway, Valentine's Day is near and it is a day for love. The Program Council and the Student Organization Council hope to keep love in the air by sponsoring a Valentine's Day Hayride Feb. 14 from 6 to 10 p.m. at C. Bickham Dickson Park, located off Bert Kouns Interloop near 70th St.

Tracy Wilson, Program Council president, said there will be an old-fashioned hayride, bonfire and music at the park for LSUS

students, faculty and staff free of charge.

The Interfraternity Council will provide soft drinks for a small charge. Wilson said because of city ordinances, no alcoholic beverages are allowed in the park. Park security will be monitoring the park and those violating the laws can receive a \$500 fine.

Wilson said the city park has been rented from SPAR and will be available only to LSUS individuals and guests. Those interested in attending the hayride should sign up at the information desk or Student Activities office on the second floor in the UC before 4:30 p.m. Feb. 14.

"We're real excited over the hayride since this is the first thing we have held off campus," said Becky Ford, Program Council member and director of the hayride. Ford recommends everyone bring a flashlight, lawn chair or blanket, marshmallows and something to roast them with such as a clothes hanger, any other food (perhaps hot dogs), a radio and warm clothes. There are restrooms at the park.

entertainment

Connell's art on display at Meadows Museum

by LINDA LAFITTE
Staff reporter

Area artist Clyde Connell's "Louisiana Women in Contemporary Art" "Swamp Songs I and II" and display. "Red Song" are among the most popular works featured in the



Photo by Frank Dawson

Connell's "A Quiet Place" displayed at exhibit.

Meadows Museum's "Louisiana Women in Contemporary Art" display.

Connell's displayed works consist of three scrolls on which she has transcribed secrets of the Louisiana swamp with calligraphy. "Swamp Songs I and II" are composed of hundreds of hieroglyphic symbols in black and "Red Song" of images in red.

Other artistic themes displayed included Lucille Reed's "Patterns" which consist of brightly colored and pastel squares arranged in various patterns; Georgia Ross' "Illusions" which are like photographs of the artist's workspace, and Lynn Gautier's "The Line" which shows use of various linear patterns.

The display, which featured 21 artists representing various artistic media, can be viewed through Feb. 26.

Clancy's: Cozy, homelike

by SOPHIA KIRKIKIS
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Nonchalantly munching on fried mushrooms, I inadvertently glanced upwards searching for the source of light for my table. Finding a small array of spotlights staring me in the eyes, I sat back in my chair to behold other Clancy restaurant goers sitting under their private lights like gods.

Although light is a nice luxury to have while eating, glaring spotlights are inappropriate in this cozy, homelike restaurant. Small yet comfortable, Clancy's decor resembles a country-western restaurant with antique brass, bric-a-brac and mirrored beer advertisements hanging casually from the walls.

Pleased with my surroundings, I began to wonder what had happened to my waitress, Chris, who disappeared after dumping mushrooms and two sauces — blue cheese and a sour-cream and horseradish combo — on my table. Her disappearance, as I discovered later, was due to a lack of waitresses.

Nevertheless, the mushrooms, served as an appetizer but large enough for an entire meal, were crunchy, chewy and yummy. Next came the jumbo-size ham

and avocado salad, accompanied, at my request, by three salad dressings — French, blue cheese and creamy Italian. With a little more avocado and a little less lettuce, the salad would have been complete. Instead, it was simply sufficient. The salad was also enough for an entire dinner, but one more course was to follow — the gourmet, barbecue-style hamburger covered with grilled onions and lettuce and with onions, tomatoes and pickles on the side. In good company with the appetizer and salad, the burger was delightfully delicious.

Clancy's menu ranges from appetizers to salads to gourmet hamburger and specialty dishes, such as shrimp, chicken and steak, all priced inexpensively. Clancy's is located at 4460 Youree Drive and opens daily at 11:30 a.m.

"Manoeuvres": listen, but don't buy

by EDDY EDDINS
Feature reporter

If you have been considering the purchase of a new album this week, you probably want the best music for your money. Take my advice: While browsing through your favorite record store, pick up a copy of Greg Lake's latest album, MANOEUVRES. If possible, ask the salesperson to play a few tracks. Now, having done this, you have the perfect example of what NOT to buy.

If the name seems a bit familiar, and for those who have no idea who Greg Lake is, he was formerly one-third of Emerson, Lake and Palmer. While with ELP, Lake was able to co-write such classics as "Fanfare for the Common Man," "Pirates" and "Pictures at an Exhibition." It is a shame that none of that success carried to his solo career.

On MANOEUVRES, Greg Lake seems to be carrying a torch for the old ELP music style. The music sounds about as fresh as a two-week-old pizza. There is no synthesizer work and very little keyboard harmony to the songs, which are dominated by out-of-place guitars and strong drum lines.

The title track is perhaps one of the best songs on the first side, which really doesn't say much. From there on it is steadily downhill for side one. In fact, it is quite difficult to distinguish one of Lake's songs from the other.

On side two, things are a bit different. The first song, "It's You, You've Gotta Believe," is a much needed breath of fresh air. Though it is by no means new in style, it is slightly more up-to-date than the rest of the album.

The fourth song on side two — "Haunted" — starts off rather poorly but picks up and proves to be the peak of MANOEUVRES. Too bad it is like a diamond set in a cheap plastic ring. Here, Lake apparently needed something to wake up the listener before the album was over. On "Haunted" there is not an atrocious, misplaced guitar solo, rather a beautifully played and well-

planned saxophone instrumental, and Lake puts more feeling into the lyrics than on the other 10 tracks combined.

There are a few more high points to MANOEUVRES that I have not yet mentioned. The cover and inner-sleeve designs drawn by Robin Harris are excellent. The back-up musicians, which are not given as much credit as they certainly deserve,

execute a fine performance. The sound mixing was near perfect, and were it not for Greg Lake himself this album would be great.

I do, however, recommend that you buy this album. If vinyl prices keep going up like they are, you may have made a fine investment. Don't listen to it, just hoard it.



"Trivial Pursuit" challenging

by SHARON RAMBIN
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After having been thrown in jail in "Monopoly", sent to the poorhouse in "Life", dethroned in chess, accused of making up words in "Scrabble" and wiped out in "Parcheesi," I thought it was about time to find a game that I could win once in a while.

"Trivial Pursuit" is a fairly new game on the market and is very popular across the country. An employee at a local toy store said they have a hard time keeping the game in stock. Most other local stores have been sold out since Christmas. Once you are able to find and purchase the game, it can be very entertaining and quite knowledgeable.

The game is recommended for adults, and two to 24 people can play during one game.

The object of "Trivial Pursuit" is to answer questions correctly in each of six categories which include geography, entertainment, history, art and literature, science and nature and sports and leisure. Do not think these are "Who is buried in Grant's tomb?" type of questions. They can be tough to answer.

For instance, do you know the answers to these questions: "What is the name of Sir Isaac Newton's dog?", "What London museum features a Chamber of Horrors?", "Who was the first actress to appear on a postage stamp?", "What U.S. Congressman said: 'Keep the faith, baby'?", "What does a CBER refer to as a 'pregnant roller skate'?" and "What is fiddle green?"

If you can answer these questions, do not think you are too smart to buy the game, because there are 6,000 other mind-boggling questions. (By the way, I am not going to provide any answers, you will have to buy your own game.)

The game board is shaped like a wheel with six spokes and a hub in the middle. The price range of "Trivial Pursuit" is pretty steep at \$26.97 to \$30, but it is well worth the price.

I think I am finally going to be able to win at this game. Now, if only I can memorize those 6,000 answers.

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Sports View

by BRIAN McNICOLL
Sports editor

Amateur rule unfair

Even before the opening ceremonies, the winds of controversy have already begun to stir the snow of Sarajevo.

Absent are the usual gripes over arena conditions and athlete accommodations that have plagued so many Games in the past. The Slavs have proven themselves capable and clever hosts. When it was determined that the men's downhill slope was not steep enough, they built a restaurant at the start of the drop, and the skiers will actually start their runs from inside it.

No, this fight is between two neighbors who call themselves the friendliest neighbors in the world — the United States and Canada. And it brews over an issue that wouldn't affect any other two countries in the world — amateurism. The International Olympic Committee's rule on that states that no athlete who has signed a professional contract is eligible for the games. Canada altered its rules to allow players with limited professional experience, and the Americans cry foul. As it stood Tuesday morning, the Canadians had dropped two players from their roster, and at the behest of the IOC, Canada, the United States and some European countries will investigate their own rosters for violators.

The Canadians, who probably stood to lose the most out of this, told the Americans they had lost the only Olympic friends they had left.

If that is true, it is because of a sheepish attitude on our part that allowed rules like this to get in place to begin with. If the idea of the Olympics is to get the world's best athletes together above government sanction (pure fantasy, I know), then why does it matter if the athletes from some countries get paid?

Not that athletes from countries other than the United States and Canada do not get paid. The goalie on the U.S.S.R. hockey team is a 27-year-old veteran of three Olympics who is widely regarded as the best goalie in the world. In the United States, he would have had to turn his first Olympic success into a fat NHL contract to support his family.

But in Russia, he is "provided for" by the government, with the "Provisions" rising and falling in accordance with his play. Under this reasoning, all Green Bay Packers should be amateurs since their team is owned by the city of Green Bay.

Basketball is a better example of how the rule works against America than hockey. The U.S.S.R. can theoretically start its best five basketball players. The United States, on the other hand, is relegated to college players, and not the best of them. Agents advise the cream of the college crop to avoid the Olympics rather than risk injury. We are to believe that the Russian players nobly passed up their chance to play in the Russian NBA to promote this grand Olympic ideal.

Baloney. The government endows the players while they pursue it. Even so, the Russians can only come up with a team on the level with our college basketball. Any NBA team could loaf to the gold medal. How the Russians can take any pride in a victory like that is beyond me.



Photo by Susan Keener

Richard Roach (left) and Keith Roeten won the IM ping pong doubles title Tuesday, defeating Billy Smith and Gary Albright in the finals. Janine Golstein and Pat Williams won the women's bracket.

IM sets big week

by BRENT GRAY
Sports reporter

Hardly a sport will go unplayed next week as the intramural department sponsors their first annual Valentine's Day Extravaganza and opens the IM basketball season.

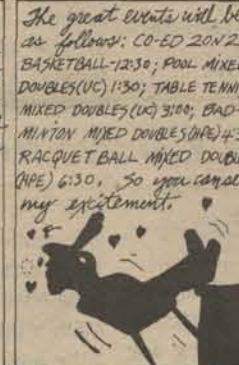
The first event will be coed two-on-two basketball at 12:30 p.m. followed by pool mixed doubles at 1:30 and table tennis mixed doubles at 3 p.m.

Badminton mixed doubles will begin at 4:30 p.m., and the extravaganza will conclude with racquetball mixed doubles at 6:30. The times listed are when registration will begin for each particular sport. Students are invited to participate in as many events as they wish.

Following the extravaganza, the IM department will sponsor chess games Wednesday at noon and spade doubles Thursday at noon in the UC.

Next week also marks the beginning of the IM basketball season. This year a record number of teams will participate — there will be 30 men's teams and seven women's teams. The games will be played on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights from 4 to 9 p.m. Students who have not signed up for a team should do so as soon as possible in UC 230.

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